

Update on Protests

February 13th, 2022

Summary

Protests continue at two border crossings (Coutts/Milk River and Emerson).

1. Coutts – all north and south bound lanes are blocked, and the border crossing remains closed / three airspace incursions over Milk River (two powered paragliders and a small plane) yesterday. NOTAM remains in place.
2. Emerson - up to 65 vehicles were on site yesterday and both north and south bound lanes are blocked w/ min traffic being allowed through. No NOTAM in place.
3. RegWay protest was approx. 110 vehicles, lasted for three hrs and dispersed by sundown.

I expect updates from the RCMP in approx. an hr.

There were protests across AB yesterday (Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Red Deer, no update on Cochrane) **There is a *Students Against Kenney* and the lifting of restrictions school walk out planned for Monday at 2:45 and an event at the Legislature at 4:30.**

In SK, there was a slow roll protest and a counter protest in front of the Min Health Office.

In MB, protest at the leg continue and there was a counter protest on site. Additional convoy activities as discussed yesterday and a small protest at a Wpg mall. Today, **there are a number of activities planned at the legislature.**

In YK and NWT, there were small protests on Saturday but nothing that we are aware of today or through the week.

Alberta

Coutts and Milk River

- The protests at Coutts (**day 16**) and Milk River (**day 10**) continue and protesters blocked all lanes north and south bound and currently the Coutts Border crossing is closed.
- **A two-day “Solidarity Freedom Rally” began Saturday on the Sweet Grass, Montana side of the Canada-US border.**
- NOTAMs for Milk River and Coutts remain in effect until Feb 16th
- **According to videos posted on social media there were additional airspace incursions on Saturday in at the Milk River site. One involving two powered paragliders and one involving a small plane.**
- Two airspace incursions occurred on Feb 5 & 6. PNR Regional Enforcement Unit has begun an administrative investigation into the airspace incursions.

Edmonton:

- **A protest against vaccine mandates and public health restrictions was held in downtown Edmonton and the area around the legislature for the 3rd Saturday in a row.**

- A group of approximately 30 counter-protestors blocked traffic including the “freedom convoy” for almost an hour before the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) moved the counter-protesters to the sidewalk allowing traffic to resume.
- The EPS Traffic Enforcement Section issued 10 tickets to drivers involved in the demonstration and approximately 60 additional tickets will be mailed to the registered owners of vehicles involved.
- Edmonton has received an injunction against the prolonged use of vehicle horns. The injunction comes into effect immediately and will remain until March 4
- **There is a *Students Against Kenney* and the lifting of restrictions school walk out planned for Monday at 2:45 and an event at the Legislature at 4:30.**

Calgary:

- **A protest took place Saturday in downtown Calgary for the 3rd Saturday in a row and for the 3rd wkend in a row a protest is scheduled in Airdrie today.**

Red Deer

- A freedom rally and slow roll convoy was held Saturday.

Lethbridge

- A slow roll protests including passenger vehicles, farm equipment and riders on horseback was held in the town of Coaldale, located 11 kms east of Lethbridge.

Other

Saskatchewan

- A group opposed to the easing of public health restrictions protested outside of the provincial health minister’s office in Saskatoon on Saturday.
- Cars, pickup trucks and a few semi-trucks participated in a slow roll protest in Saskatoon on Saturday.
- A vehicle convoy travelled from Regina to the Regway border crossing on highway 6 Saturday.
 - Approximately 110 vehicles participated in the protest which lasted approximately 3 hours. There was no disruption to border crossing or highways.

Manitoba

- Protests at the legislature continue (day 9) with several activities planned to include a Sunday Service and a family dinner.
- A counter-protest against the current protesters at the Manitoba Legislature did take place on Saturday on the north side of the Legislature at noon. The protest was peaceful and disbanded in the early evening.
- NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg, MB. The airspace restriction begins 12 February 2022 at 01:00 ET and ends on 14 February 2022 at 13:00 ET.

- A protest blockade at the Emerson border continues **(day 4)**. The blockade of about 50 vehicles, located 1.5 kms north of the Emerson Port of Entry, is blocking both north and south bound traffic.
 - o Protesters are allowing free movement of all livestock transport, CBSA employees, and emergency services vehicles, and not impeding residential traffic of the town of Emerson.
 - o RCMP have not issued tickets nor laid charges. The protestors have been cooperative with police, and there has been no intel to suggest threats of violence at this time.
- **According to the RCMP Incident Commander for the Emerson POE has indicated that the number of vehicles involved in the blockade changes with daily supporters arriving and departing. (apx 50-65 additional passenger vehicles were observed on site yesterday Feb 12, 2022)**
- RCMP do not feel that a NOTAM over the Emerson protest area is necessary currently. Civ Av is prepared to issue a NOTAM when and if the RCMP request one.
- **A protest took place on Saturday February 12, 2022, at Polo Park shopping mall, called “Mega Maskless Manitoba”. Approximately 20 protesters took part in this protest. No charges were filed or tickets issued at this time.**

Yukon

- City of Whitehorse tweeted that there is a planned protest planned to begin this morning near the legislature. Another protest is planned for Saturday Feb 12 (possible counter-protest).
 - o **A single Facebook post indicates that the planned protest went ahead.**

NWT

- **A small grp of protesters (30) gathered in a park in Yellowknife to vent their frustrations over COVID 19 restrictions.**

Nunavut

- **No protests in the last 24hrs.**